Practical advice during the Holiday Season

- Be faithful in your daily Bible and prayer schedule.
- Be faithful to church even when out of town.
- Enjoy time with friends and family but don't miss services because of it.
- Love everyone but hate the sin!



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Proverbs 27:12 A prudent man foreseeth the evil, and hideth himself; but the simple pass on, and are punished.

- The holiday season can be a great time for spiritual growth, but it can also be a dangerous time to backslide!
- The holiday season can be a slippery slope to • anyone who is not careful!
- With the Lord's help, let's all have a Christcentered holiday season.

How to Have a Great Holiday Season

1. Be prepared for the _____ ahead!

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3332 Magnolia Avenue, Long Beach, CA 90806 pacificbaptist.com | 562-424-7714 | Steve Meyers, Pastor **Proverbs 27:12** *A prudent man foreseeth the evil, and hideth himself; but the simple pass on, and are punished.*

- Some of the dangers during this season:
 - Missing _____ because of vacation
 - Not as ______ to church because of family gatherings and celebrations
 - Getting out of _____ routine (Bible and prayer)
 - o Over_____
 - Spending a lot of _____ with non-Christians
- We can have a great Holiday by being _____

Proverbs 14:15 *The simple believeth every word: but the* **prudent man** *looketh well to his going.*

Proverbs 14:8 *The wisdom of the prudent is to understand his way: but the folly of fools is deceit.*

2. Be a blessing to _____

1 Timothy 6:17-18 Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy; 18 That they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate;

Hebrews 13:16 *But to do good and to communicate forget not*: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

Remember those who have ______

Acts 20:35 I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.

James 1:27 Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.

• Encourage those who are _____

Hebrews 13:3 *Remember them that are in bonds, as bound with them; and them which suffer adversity, as being yourselves also in the body.*

Romans 15:1-2 We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves. 2 Let every one of us please his neighbour for his good to edification.

3. Be involved with our church _____!

Psalm 122:1 I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD.

Psalm 27:4 One thing have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to enquire in his temple.

- Be in all our church _____ and ____:
 - Family Christmas lights
 - Christmas Sweater Sunday (Dec. 9)
 - o PBS Christmas Play (Dec. 11)
 - o Class Christmas Fellowships
 - Christmas Tie & Scarf Sunday (Dec. 16)
 - o Christmas festival Sunday (Dec. 23)
 - Christmas Gift for Jesus
 - Christmas Eve Service (Dec. 24)
 - Vision Sunday service (Dec. 30)
 - o Teen Winter Camp (Dec. 26-29)